

1 **Amherst Pipeline Taskforce Meeting**
2 **Thursday, February 12, 7:00PM**

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4 **ATTENDEES:** David Beach, Joe McCool, Amanda Jensen, Tiani Coleman, John D'Angelo –
5 Selectman, Eric Hahn, Paul Indeglia, Shannon Chandley, Reed Panasiti, JM Vore, Colin
6 Lonsdale, Colleen Mailloux, Community Development Director.
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8 The group reviewed a map of the currently proposed route and discussed some of the major areas
9 of concern with the location and impacts.
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11 The group discussed adding materials to the website as they are prepared by the taskforce.
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13 There was a discussion of where Liberty Utilities currently has distribution lines in Amherst:
14 along 101A, possibly along Seaverns Bridge? The schools are served by natural gas.
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16 A. Jensen stated that the town can/should ask for: indemnification, high density population area
17 grade pipe, should consider a surtax on flow, road bonding for work within the ROW.
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19 T. Coleman stated that any materials we prepare should focus on the issues in the statement of
20 policy from FERC. We need to look at the factors that FERC considers in reviewing a pipeline
21 project.
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23 J. D'Angelo stated that the Town cannot say no to the pipeline project. There is no municipal
24 regulatory authority. He needs to know what the costs/impacts will be to the Town, and to know
25 if/what are the potential benefits to the town. What is the tax impact of this development and
26 would it allow further industrial development in our industrial zone that would bring additional
27 tax revenue?
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29 J. McCool stated that the project is not consistent with the Town's Master Plan.
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31 The group discussed potential construction impacts – damage to town roads, trucking, etc.
32 Bonding could/should be required to ensure that town infrastructure remains in good condition.
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34 The group discussed the preparation of several documents, the ACC environmental assessment,
35 economic impact analysis, safety and construction analysis, and others. The documents prepared
36 should address the FERC statement of policy.
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38 P. Indeglia stated that the environmental subcommittee will be presenting its draft report to the
39 Conservation Commission on March 11. After it is approved by the ACC, the assessment will be
40 submitted to the BOS and the Taskforce.
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42 A. Jensen reviewed the steps for filing a comment with FERC. This information will be added to
43 the website.
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45 Respectfully Submitted,
46 Colleen Mailloux